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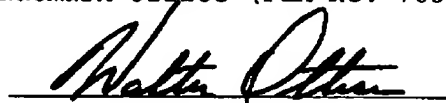
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the action mailed on September 8, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Amendment

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the action mailed on September 8, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as set forth  
herein.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims  
which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.